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WORK FOR THE WOOLGROWERS

One of the gravest questions which is to confront the stockmen of Eastern Oregon, in the near future is that of a disappearing range. Grasses, like all other crops, must be cared for. The constant grazing and tramping of stock upon the range, like that unceasing drop of water upon the rock, will eventually wear it out.

Nature has been a beneficent giver to the stockman of the Inland Empire. She has rebuilt, year in, year out, that priceless mantle of the foothills, for half a century, without faltering. She has spread out her verdant robe lavishly for the use and glory of this state and coast. She has been constant and faithful, in all of man's forgetfulness and folly. Upon all the millions of acres in the West, grazed without cessation, how many acres have been seeded, watered, or protected from the ravages of fire and freshet? Of all the vast foothills used for half a century, how many are now being cultivated? What effort is being made to restore the bunch-grass that has disappeared? What plans for future restoration are being laid?

Fully one-fourth of the area of Oregon is grazing land. We have depended upon this for a large portion of our prosperity. Fortunes have sprung to men who enjoyed the freedom and abundance of this invaluable possession. But what of the future? There will be men tomorrow seeking the bounties of honest effort in these same lines. What will we say to them? What will we offer as our excuse for the abuse and famished condition of Eastern Oregon ranges?

Stock raising is not a business of one day nor one year in Eastern Oregon. It will be perpetual. It is one of the many priceless resources of the West. Its life-blood must not be sapped away by one generation of men. But instead, we must build for the future, as we expect our posterity to enjoy and perpetuate the institutions of Oregon.

Some honest, thoughtful work must be done by the stockman upon this vital subject. It takes precedence over wool prices. It is more important than pedigrees and breeds. It towers above the coyote question like Mount Hood over a mole hill. For it is the life and essence of the sheep industry. It must be discussed. It must be acted upon. These organizations of stockmen must begin at the bottom of this question and thresh it out intelligently and thoroughly.

How many more years will Oregon ranges last, without recuperation? How much better could they be made by irrigation, reseeding and protection from fire? How will the subject be handled—by public or private means? It is the basis of your industry and the keystone of your future.

The fact that the assessment rolls recently completed by the tax assessor of Umatilla county shows a shortage in valuations over last year is not an evidence that property has really decreased in value in this county, but is accounted for by the conversion of property into money and a failure to give the money in for assessment. The stock sales have been heavy within the past 12 months and the conversion of this resource into money and failing to pay taxes on the money makes it appear that Umatilla county is retrograding. Some men never like to give money in for taxes, and they avoid it in many ways. They deny having it, or send it out of the county and resort to many methods to keep from paying taxes on it. And then there are men who do not like to pay taxes anyway. They give their property in at less than half of its value, and some underestimate the number of head of stock they own. Umatilla has never been in better condition than at present and her property is more valuable than ever before, and it is increasing in value every year.

Some one sent a dispatch from Pendleton to the Portland Oregonian to the effect that the people of Arlington fell upon their knees and begged for mercy through alarm at the smoke from the fires last Saturday. It also states that it was so dark that boats in the river had to turn on their searchlights. Newspaper space writers may get pretty hard up for news occasionally, but they should not manufacture stuff that reflects upon the intelligence of the citizens of a given community. There are no people in this state so superstitious as to be frightened by a little smoke.

It would be difficult to estimate the damage done to forests and range by the recent fires. It is a warning again of the necessity of every one using his utmost precaution against the starting of fires in the mountains and valleys of this country. The forests and ranges of Oregon are her most important resources, and their destruction means an irreparable loss.

Things have begun the hold-up game in this section of the country again. Alertness on the part of officers and citizens and a few doses of lead properly administered, may result in capturing or driving these genies from the community.

CLOSE SHOOTING WANTED.

President Roosevelt continues to assert the need of national legislation and a constitutional amendment to give the government control of the trusts.

While we are waiting for national legislation, not specified, and an amending of the constitution requiring years to accomplish, it is entirely practical to do a great deal toward controlling the trusts. The president ignores definite remedies lying close at hand and gives vehement attention to remedies both vague and remote. He is filled with a lively fear, too, that the trusts may be hurt in the process of reforming them, a solicitude for which the trusts, eminently able to take care of themselves, are doubtless gratefully appreciative.

"We wish not to penalize, but to reward the great captains of industry," cries Mr. Roosevelt. And that is right, but reward should not take the present form of a license to steal. It would add enormously to the interest and value of the president's disquisitions if he would abandon generalities and deal with the two combines on which the public gaze is centered—the Coal and Food trusts.

The one involves the railroad question, the other both the railroad question and the tariff.

Upon neither question in its relation to the trust problem has Mr. Roosevelt had a word to say.

The Food trust exists because it is sheltered from foreign competition by the tariff and from domestic competition by the railroads, which give it cheaper freight rates than rivals can get.

The coal trust exists because it defies the Sherman law, and disobeys the provision in its railroad charters which forbids transportation companies engaging in coal mining. No constitutional amendment is required to give the government power to deal with the coal trust, but only an honest and vigorous execution of existing laws.

The food trust could be dispersed by the repeal of the duties on foreign cattle and meats and such increase of authority of the interstate commerce commission as would enable it to attack with effect the conspiracy between the railroads and the great business combinations.

When congress was in session and the whole country cried out for relief from robbery at the hands of the food trust, the American, almost daily, for weeks, urged President Roosevelt to send in a special message calling for the abolition of those duties, but President Roosevelt remained silent. And the republican congress strangled the American's bill, which provided for this just revision of the tariff in the interest of the people, and all other bills having the same object.

When the democratic minority united in a formal invitation to the republican majority to join in legislation that would destroy the monopoly in food and withdraw tariff protection from all trusts which sell American made goods cheaper to foreigners than to Americans, what did the republican majority do?

Nothing.
And what did the president do?
Nothing.

When Mr. Roosevelt has manfully faced the tariff question in its bearing on trusts; when he has discussed the necessity for divorcing railroad management from collusion with the giant monopolies; when he has ordered his attorney-general to proceed criminally as well as civilly against the violators of the Sherman law, the country will be ready to listen to him with more respect upon his favorite theme for a far-away constitutional amendment, and with more sympathy for his dread lest the trusts be harmed while they are being forced to take their larcenous hands out of the pockets of the American people.

The republican president may be quite sincere in his long-range verbal warfare upon trust evils, but six years of republican power has demonstrated that the trusts have nothing to fear from the political organization of which he is the temporary head. The republican party is owned by the trusts.—Hearst's American and Journal.

ANOTHER CITY EDITOR

Bright's Disease and Diabetes Are Positively Curable.

Editor Engleke, editor and proprietor of the California Journal, the German paper of 48 Montgomery St., San Francisco, interviewed:

Q—Will you help us convince the people that Bright's Disease and Diabetes are positively curable by referring to your recovery?

A—I've told it to a great many myself, and some of them profited by it and were cured.

Q—How long ago was it?

A—About six years ago. I was so ill with Bright's Disease that the doctors, being unable to help me, advised me as a last resort that I try some of the springs. Before going I heard of the Fulton Compound and took it and didn't have to go. I began to get better, and kept on with it till I was finally as well as ever.

Q—Any symptoms of a return of it?

A—None, although I don't permit a year to pass without taking some of it.

Q—You say you told others?

A—I told Charles F. Wacker of 131 Sixth St. about it on learning he had diabetes. He took it and is entirely well. I told a well-to-do German lady afflicted with Bright's Disease. She had been to Europe for treatment without result. She, too, took it and got well. I've told a great many. I know these Compounds to be certain cures in Bright's Disease and Diabetes. It is so incredible that one has to be cured to be convinced, and it even then dawns on one slowly.

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